



**MINUTES REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 – 7:00 pm
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

A. CALL TO ORDER 7:03 PM BY MAYOR NICHOL

Announce the presence of a quorum.

Members Present: Mayor, Janet Nichol
Council Member Place 1, Charles Houk
Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 2, Clay Ellis
Council Member Place 3, Bruce Bradley
Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley
Council Member Place 5, James Branch

Members Absent: Council Member, Place 6, Tom Crowley

Staff Present: City Manager, Carl Alsabrook
City Attorney, Jason Day
City Secretary, Deborah Sorensen
Assistant City Secretary, Amy Dial
Director of Finance, Shannon Raymond
Interim Director of Develop. & Community Services, Rob Cooper
Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton
Fire Chief, Rickey Bell
Parks & Facilities Superintendent, Martin Torres
Director of HR, Tauna Ratliff
Main Street Manager, Paula Morris
Executive Director of Community Development Corp., Larry Lott

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Nichol gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None

D. PROCLAMATION

- 1. Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

Mayor Nichol presented the Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month to The Children’s Advocacy Center for Rockwall County.

E. AUDIT PRESENTION

- 1. Lewis Crain, CPA of Rutledge Crain and Company, PC to present the City’s Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2017, and any matters related thereto.

Lewis Crain presented the City's Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2017. Mr. Crain reported that Royse City had an excellent year. Royse City added to the reserves and made money on the water/sewer fund. On page 59 of the Annual Financial Report, which is the General Fund Budget Report, there was about \$300,000 more in revenues than what was budgeted and expenditures were down almost \$300,000 than what was budgeted. The pension liability has dropped by \$141,000. Royse City had an excellent year.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: March 13, 2018
2. Resolution declaring the annual review of the Investment Policy

Council Member Wheatley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Houk seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

G. BUSINESS

1. Discussion concerning monthly revenue and expenditure report for February 2018, and any matters related thereto.

Shannon Raymond presented the February monthly revenue and expenditure report. Sales tax represents 23% of General Fund revenues. February 2018 receipts are for December sales and were 11.16% higher compared to February 2017 receipts after 380 rebates. Water/Sewer revenues and expenditures are within their budgeted thresholds.

2. Consider and act concerning a Mowing Contract Proposal and authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto, and any matters related thereto.

Martin Torres reported that bids were received from three companies for annual mowing services and litter control. The lowest bidder is Field of Greens for \$49,007.64.

Jason Day stated staff recommends approval contingent upon acceptance by the City Attorney and City Manager.

Mayor Pro Tem Ellis made a motion to accept the contract with putting in areas to mow. Council Member Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

3. Consider and act concerning award of a bid for the Walker Hawks Sports Complex Concession and authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day stated no action is needed on this item. This will not be a lease situation.

Martin Torres stated a request for proposal was posted from February 19, 2018 to March 2, 2018. Only one sealed bid was received, Mingling Mouth LLC. They meet all of the qualifications and requirements. The vendor is required to pay the City a minimum of \$10 per game per day.

4. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and ATMOS ENERGY CORP., Mid-Tex DIVISION regarding the company's 2018 rate review mechanism filings, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day stated that cities can regulate rates within their city limits. This is the rate tariff that has been negotiated. Council Member Houk asked about the formula.

Jason stated that there are months of negotiating to get the formulas. Council Member Branch asked what does this mean for everyone. Jason stated that the rates will go down.

Council Member Branch made a motion to approve the 2018 rate review mechanism filings. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. for Section §551.071 Private Consultation with City Attorney regarding annexation.

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. with no action taken.

5. Consider and act concerning approving an Ordinance regarding an Annexation of A0946 Shelby County School Land, 17.86 acres being right-of-way for Interstate Highway 30 (I-30), Hunt County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day reported that this is the annexation that the police and fire have requested regarding annexing the two sections of I-30.

Council Member Houk made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

6. Discussion concerning City Manager update: Development, Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt on March 29th beginning at 7 pm at Walker Hawk Sports Complex, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsbrook reported that Wood Street is ahead of schedule and FM 2642 project is ahead of schedule as well. Concrete has been poured at the Cookston Court Project. Arby's will open this Friday and Popeye's will open next Friday. Kwik Kar is framed and Burger King has started construction. A mid-year review is scheduled for April 11th at Cypress Creek Apartments in the conference room in the clubhouse. Alumni Bar & Grill will open in about 2 weeks. 1001 Bargain met with Main Street and the CDC regarding renovations they are about to begin.

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt on March 29th beginning at 7 pm at Walker Hawk Sports Complex.

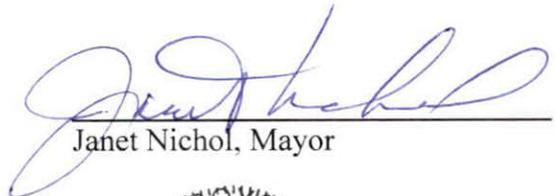
H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider and/or action to determine and direct City Staff in scheduling topics for discussion at future City Council Meetings, and any matters related thereto.

None

I. ADJOURN AT 8:05 PM

Council Member Branch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**


Janet Nichol, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary

